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Letter dated 28 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

With reference to the letter of the Permanent Representative of Greece dated 22 July 2021 (A/75/972), I would like to bring to your attention the following.

Turkey once again rejects the baseless allegations raised in the above-mentioned letter. The background of the situation in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean as well as Turkey's position regarding recent developments in the region have been explained in detail in our letters dated 14 October 2020 (A/75/521) and 15 June 2021 (A/75/929).

In this connection, I would like to reiterate Turkey's readiness to maintain a meaningful dialogue to address and resolve all outstanding issues between Turkey and Greece in accordance with international law.

Regarding developments in the Eastern Mediterranean, I would like to refer to Turkey's sincere calls for cooperation, including its proposal for the convening of a regional conference, as reflected in its letter of 14 October 2020 (A/75/521).

We urge Greece to adopt a constructive approach and to refrain from faits accomplis or unilateral actions in the region, which would only escalate tensions.

I would be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the seventy-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8, and published on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, as well as in the next edition of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*.

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